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Idaho Milk Production Up 2.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2012 totaled 1.17 billion pounds, a 2.5 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 6.3 percent from April 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. April 2012 milk production was revised to 1.04 billion pounds, down 4 million pounds. Average milk production per cow in May 2012 was 2,030 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during May was 578,000 head, the same level as May 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from May 2011. April revised production at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 2011. The April revision represented an increase of 38 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,924 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 77,000 head more than May 2011, but 3,000 head less than April 2012.

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